

Memo

To: Board of Managers
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations *MY*
CC: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
Date: 12/2/2013
Re: Adoption of Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013

Background

In 2000, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Funding Act was signed into law, to reduce the effects of disasters by developing requirements to further the planning process to respond to disasters. The law requires state and local authorities to develop and implement a hazard mitigation plan in order to maintain eligibility for pre- and post- disaster mitigation grant funding. The law requires that mitigation plans and strategies be updated every five (5) to seven (7) years. State and local authorities must submit the plans to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval.

Montgomery County received approval in January 2007, for a previous edition of its hazard mitigation plan, and at that time the Village adopted the County version to maintain our eligibility for pre- and post- disaster grant funding.

Due to the size of the plan it has not been copied and provided herein for your review; however, the full document is available in the Village office, should any Board members or Village residents wish to review the plan.

About the Plan

The intention of the Plan is to serve as a blueprint for coordinating and implementing hazard mitigation policies, programs, and projects. It provides a list of mitigation goals, objectives, and related actions that may assist Montgomery County and participating municipalities in reducing risk and preventing loss from future natural and technological hazard events.

The 2013 plan update is based on the 2007 version of the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and has been updated over the past two (2) years by a core planning team assembled consisting of County agencies, municipalities (including the Village), utility companies, and community and volunteer organizations. The Plan has been reviewed by Village Counsel.

Staff Recommendation

As stated above, in order to be eligible for pre- and post- disaster grant funding each state and local jurisdiction must adopt a plan and have it approved by FEMA.

Staff recommends that the Village adopt the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 in order to be eligible for future disaster mitigation grant funding.

Board Action

If the Board concurs with staff's recommendation, staff requests Board approval of Resolution No. 12-01-13 – adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013.

Draft Motion: *I move to **APPROVE/DENY** Resolution No. 12-01-13, adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013.*

Attachment

- 1) Resolution No. 12-01-13: Adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013.

Resolution No.: 12-01-13

Introduced: 12-09-13

Adopted: 12-09-13

Effective: 12-09-13

BOARD OF MANAGERS
FOR
CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE, MD

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS, ADOPTING THE REVISED 2013
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Chevy Chase Village recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2000, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) was signed into law. To reduce the effects of disasters, the law encourages, among other initiatives, a planning process based on cooperation among state and local authorities, community partners and the public at large. Under the regulations implementing this law, states and local governments must have an approved and adopted hazard mitigation plan in order to maintain eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for reviewing and approving state and local plans; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan was first approved by the County Council in 2000 and was updated in 2007. The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 ("Plan") is a major update to the 2007 Hazard Mitigation Plan and is in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations governing local hazard mitigation plans; and

WHEREAS, in developing this Plan, a core planning team was assembled consisting of County agencies, municipalities, utility companies, and community and volunteer organizations, including Chevy Chase Village; and

WHEREAS, Chevy Chase Village worked with Montgomery County and other local governments in the hazard mitigation planning process, and takes this action in order to adopt the Plan and maintain eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 9th day of December, 2013 by the Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village that:

1. The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 dated July 30, 2013 is hereby approved and adopted;
2. Chevy Chase Village will continue to participate in the updating and expansion of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 in future years;
3. Chevy Chase Village will further seek to encourage the businesses, industries and community groups operating within and/or for the benefit of Chevy Chase Village to also participate in the updating and expansion of the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013; and
4. This resolution is effective on December 9, 2013.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

By: _____
Patricia S. Baptiste, Chairman
Board of Managers

ATTEST:

Richard Ruda, Secretary

Date of Adoption: December 9, 2013